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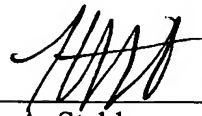
Sir:

Applicants, having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated October 3, 2005, respectfully request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and references cited therein, which was filed on November 7, 2003. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Form PTO-1449, as filed, is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. It is respectfully requested that the Form PTO-1449 be initialed, signifying the Examiner's consideration of the references cited therein, and returned to Applicants' undersigned

representative at the earliest convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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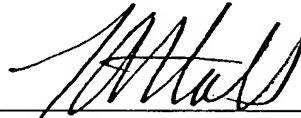
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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